

ABSTRACT

A lithium tantalate substrate obtained by working in the state of a substrate a lithium tantalate crystal grown by the Czochralski method is buried in a mixed powder of Al and Al_2O_3 , followed by heat treatment carried out at a temperature kept to from 350 to 600°C, to manufacture a lithium tantalate substrate having volume resistivity which has been controlled within the range of from more than 10^8 to less than 10^{10} Ωcm . The substrate obtained has no pyroelectricity, and it can be made colored and opaque from a colorless and transparent state and also sufficiently has the properties required as a piezoelectric material.